

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A system for sharing an active content of a sender peer with a recipient peer, comprising:

~~a first processing device including a hardware sender peer component~~ comprising:

a first application module, for activating and outputting to activate and output active content from a data file;

a first chat module, communicatively coupled to the first application module, the first chat module adapted to send the active content and at least one chat message using a chat module communications path; and

~~a second processing device including a hardware recipient peer component~~ comprising:

a second chat module, communicatively coupled to the first chat module using the chat module communications path, for receiving and outputting the active content active and the at least one chat message active on the sender peer.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the second chat module further comprises a client module for requesting a stream of the active content and the first chat module further comprises a server module for sending the stream of active content in response to the request.

3. (Original) The system of claim 2, the recipient peer further comprises a second application module for automatically activating the active content stream.

4. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein the stream is substantially synchronized with a portion of the active content currently active to the first application module.

5. (Original) The systems of claim 4, wherein the second application module allows active content playback control independent from the synchronized stream.

6. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the active content comprises a unique identifier.

7. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 6, wherein the recipient peer further comprises a content database, and the second chat module is configured to use the unique identifier to retrieve local active content from the content database.

8. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 6, wherein the recipient peer uses the unique identifier to retrieve active content from an active content enhancement server.

9. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising an active content enhancement server, communicatively coupled to the second chat module, for providing supplements related to the active content.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the content enhancement server further comprises a content transaction module for processing a purchase related to one or more sources containing the active content.

11. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the active content enhancement server further comprises a content supplement database containing supplemental information related the active content.

12. (Original) The system of claim 9, further comprising a content repository containing previews related to the one or more sources containing the active content, and the active supplement database streams an active content preview to the recipient peer responsive to receiving a unique identifier.

13. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the sender peer and the recipient peer are communicatively coupled through a first network, and the recipient peer and the content enhancement server are communicatively coupled through a second network.

14. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the sender peer further comprises a content repository for storing content activated by the first application module.

15. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the first application module comprises a first media player, the second application module comprises a second media player, and a file format of the active content is compatible with the second application module.

16. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the active content comprises an active media.

17. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the active media comprises one the group consisting of an audio file and a video file.

18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the active content comprises a title and a type of the active content.

19. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the first chat module is an instant messaging application.

20. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein a display of the first chat module is integrated within a display of the first application module.

21. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the first chat module sends updated active content information to reflect a change of active content.

22. (Previously Presented) A method for sharing active content of a first peer with a second peer, comprising:

activating media content from a data file at a sender peer;

sending real time active media content from the sender peer to a recipient peer through a chat network connection responsive to detecting active media content on the sender peer, wherein the chat network connection is adapted to send at least one chat message; and

receiving and outputting the active media content at the recipient peer.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22, further comprising:
streaming the active media content from the sender peer to the recipient peer.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising:
activating the active media content stream substantially in real time with the
activated media content at the recipient peer.

25. (Currently Amended) The system method of claim 22, further comprising:
retrieving supplemental information about the active media content by
querying a content enhancement server.

26. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein the supplemental information includes
graphic files related to the active media.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, further comprising:
sending transaction information related to the active media content to the
recipient peer responsive to the recipient peer receiving the active media
content; and
processing a transaction related to the transaction information.

28. (Original) The method of claim 27, wherein the transaction is a purchase of the
active media content.

29. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 22, wherein the activating comprises a first media player activating media content, and the receiving comprises a chat module receiving active media content.

30. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein the active media content is an audio file.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the active media content comprises a title and a type of the active media content.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, further comprising:
 updating active media content at the recipient peer responsive to a change of active media content at the sender peer.

33. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory, computer readable program storage device encoded with instructions that, when executed, perform a method for sharing an active content of a sender peer with a recipient peer, comprising:

 activating content from a data file at the sender peer;
 sending the active media content responsive to detecting active content from the sender peer, the sender peer adapted to send the active media content and at least one chat message using an pre-established communications path; and
 receiving and outputting information about the active content at the recipient peer using the pre-established communications path.

34. (Currently Amended) The non-transitory, computer readable program storage device of claim 33, further comprising instructions and data for:
streaming the active content through the peer-to-peer network to the recipient peer.

35. (Currently Amended) The non-transitory, computer readable program storage device of claim 34, further comprising
instructions and data for:
activating the active content stream at the sender peer.

36. (Currently Amended) The non-transitory, computer readable program storage device of claim 33, further comprising instructions and data for:
retrieving supplemental information about the active content by querying a content enhancement server with a unique identifier.

37. (Currently Amended) The non-transitory, computer readable program storage device of claim 33, further comprising instructions and data for:
sending transaction information related to the active content to the recipient peer responsive to the recipient peer receiving the active content; and
processing a transaction related to the transaction information.

38. (Currently Amended) The non-transitory, computer readable program storage device of claim 37, wherein the transaction is a purchase of the active content.

39. (Currently Amended) The non-transitory, computer readable program storage device of claim 33, wherein activating comprises a first media player activating media content, and receiving comprises a chat module receiving active media content.

40. (Currently Amended) The non-transitory, computer readable program storage device of claim 33, wherein the active content comprises an active media content.

41. (Currently Amended) The non-transitory, computer readable program storage device of claim 33, further comprising instructions and data for:

updating active content at the recipient peer responsive to a change of active content at the sender peer.

42. (Currently Amended) A recipient chat module in a system for sharing active content between a plurality of peers, comprising:

a hardware processing device including:

a communications module for receiving a one or more unique identifiers based on shared active content on one or more sender peers, wherein receiving comprises receiving using a communications module communication path;

a graphical user interface module for outputting one or more shared active content and receiving a selection of shared active content associated with one of the one or more sender peers; and

a client module for sending a content stream request and receiving an active content stream,

wherein receiving comprises receiving using the communications module communication path.

43. (Original) The recipient chat module of claim 42, wherein the content stream request comprises the unique identifier, and the recipient chat module sends the content stream request to a content enhancement server containing previews of the associated active content.

44. (Original) The recipient chat module of claim 42, further comprising an application module for activating the received active content stream.